

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends 25-27 and cancels claims 1, 23, 24, 28 and 29. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 25-27.

Claims 1 and 23-29 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as their invention. As indicated above, claims 1, 23, 24, 28 and 29 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 1, 23, 24, 28 and 29 is rendered moot. Amendments were made to the remaining claims 25-27 so as to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, amendments were made to claims 25-27 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in paragraph 3 of the Office Action.

The Examiner's cooperation is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone should any further indefinite matter be discovered so that appropriate amendments may be made.

Regarding the Examiner's request to further explain the nature of the claimed invention with respect to the acronyms recited in the claims filed on even date herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement in which various documents are provided explaining the subject matter to which the claims of the present application are directed. Most notable among such documents is the Common Criteria Introduction Document and the Common Criteria User Guide. The Examiner's attention is specifically directed to the Common Criteria Introduction Document within which the general concepts regarding

Protection Profile (PP), Security Target (ST) and Target of Evaluation (TOE) are described.

Also, attached herewith is a graphical illustration (Sketch) provided by the Applicants that graphically illustrate the features of the present invention with respect to the PP, ST, TOE, etc.

If after reviewing the above noted documents, particularly the Common Criteria Introduction Document and the attached Sketch, the Examiner has further questions regarding the technology to which the claims of the present application are directed, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney, the undersigned, by telephone so as to discuss the same prior to examination of the present application based upon the amended claims. For further background on the technology to which the present invention is directed the Examiner is referred to the following websites:

www.commoncriteriaportal.org;

www.commoncriteriaportal.org/public/developer/index.php?menu=2;

niap.nist.gov/pp/index.html; and

niap.nist.govcross-connecting-scheme/index.html

Claims 1, 23, 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baskerville (article entitled "Information System Security Design Methods: Implementation for Information Systems Development") in view of Schneier (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,516); and claim 24 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baskerville and Schneier and in view of Wiegel (U.S. Patent No. 6,484,261). As indicated above, claims 1, 23, 24, 28 and 29 were canceled. Therefore, these rejections with

respect to claims 1, 23, 24, 28 and 29 are rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 1, 23, 24, 28 and 29 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1, 23, 24, 28 and 29 are taught or suggested by any of the references of record particularly Baskerville, Schneier and Wiegel. The cancellation of claims 1, 23, 24, 28 and 29 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Applicants note from the Office Action that the Examiner did not reject claims 25-27 based upon prior art. Therefore, since the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection of these claims have been overcome as indicated above, these claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 25-27 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.38895X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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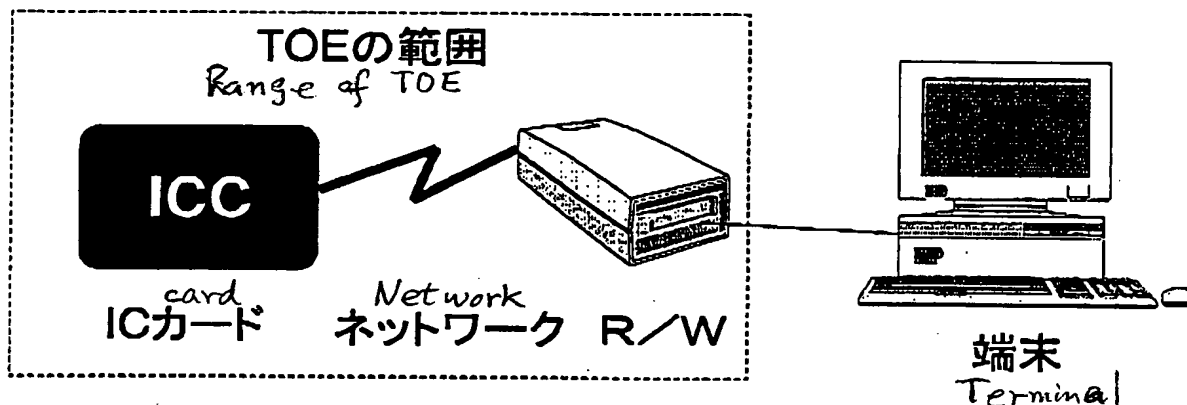
TOE (Target of Evaluation) : 評価対象

SKETCH

TOE: target range of security evaluation (whole or part of a system or a product)

Example: IC card system

(例) ICカードシステム

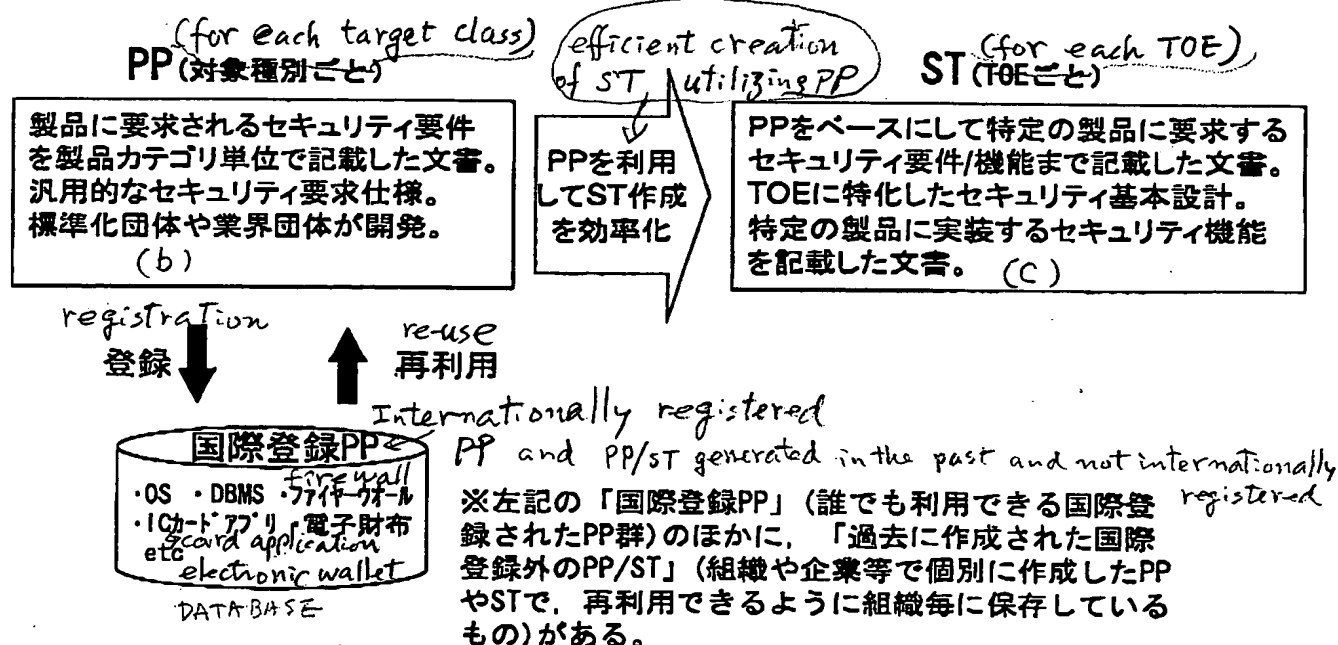


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PP (Protection Profile) : セキュリティ要求仕様書 ST (Security Target) : セキュリティ基本設計書

security requirement specification

security fundamental specifications



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